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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

SUBJECT: Review of Internal Security Legislation

1. Memorandum dated 20 November 1953 from the Executive Secretary to the NSC with the statement of the Attorney General attached, regarding subject, has been referred to this Office by the Executive Officer, DD/A for an expression of the joint views of your Office and the Security Office. NSC Action 968, because of its security classification, is being transmitted separately for your information.

2. In the opinion of this Office, the current review of internal security legislation by the Attorney General and the active interest of the National Security Council presents an opportune time to present the views of CIA on the subject. In particular, it is suggested that we lend support to the Department of Justice in securing legislation which will prohibit the unauthorized disclosure of any classified Government information, not only by present employees but also by former employees, as well as, by consultants and advisers. Such legislation should provide the protection of our classified information desired by the Security Office and previously discussed with you by Mr. [REDACTED] of this Office.

3. In addition, it is suggested that the proposed amendment of the Sabotage Statutes should include appropriate language to cover sabotage of CIA facilities since it appears that the definition of war utilities and national defense utilities must specifically designate the utilities.

4. While the other proposals of the Attorney General do not directly affect the security responsibilities of this Agency, they will strengthen the internal security laws and indirectly benefit CIA and therefore, should be supported by the Agency.

5. We believe that it is advisable to present the above views to the Attorney General. This Office will be glad to assist in the preparation of a suitable letter to the Attorney General.

SIGNED

Sheffield Edwards
Director of Security

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